

Communist Challenges Foreign Agent Smear

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THEY'RE USED TO WALKING: Mrs. Sadie Reed and Mrs. Bella Fahey were maids at the Brooklyn YWCA. Their daily schedule included care of 36 rooms, five bathrooms, a street-long hall and a large apartment. For this work, Mrs. Reed took home the grand sum of \$23.70 (See story on page 5).

—Daily Worker Photo by Peter

How Gov't Forced Miners To Stay in Death Traps

By Walter Lowenfels

CENTRALIA, Ill., April 6.—Federal Coal Mines Administrator Capt. N. H. Collison forced 500 miners to work at a mine near Centralia after the union's safety committee ordered the men out because of dangerous conditions. The story was told by Hugh White, United Mine Workers district president, when the Senate investigating committee pounded him with questions concerning the union's failure to close the Centralia mine. The Lewis-Krug contract supposedly gives the safety committee closing power.

After hearing White, committee chairman Senator Guy Cordon (D-Ore) said "I can understand that further efforts of the union to close dangerous mines would be useless." The mine where Collison ordered the 500 men back to work prior to the Centralia disaster was the Peabody Coal Co. Mine Number 47 at Harrisburg, Ill.

White testified:

"Captain Collison wrote me a letter ordering me to send the men back to work. He did not threaten the Smith-Connally Act but he went all around it."

As the committee moved its hearings to Washington, Senator Cordon said that "gross negligence" has been shown. Cordon's statement followed three days of testimony here that company failure to comply, and state and federal failure to enforce, mine committee, federal and state inspection safety demands led to the 111 Centralia deaths.

All the members of the Senate committee expressed anger at buck-passing by company representatives as to personal responsibility for the Centralia tragedy.

Finally, the last committee witness, Centralia Company operating head William P. Young, admitted he was directly responsible for the mine's condition and

had deliberately disregarded safety recommendations from the date of federal and state inspection. He said he believed it was possible to disobey safety orders and still continue operation.

It has previously been testified here that the state mine director shook down operators for a \$25,000 Republican campaign fund and had threatened to discharge state mine inspector Driscoll Scanlon when he continued to give details in his reports concerning explosive dangers at the Centralia mine.

As the Senate hearing at local courtroom here drew to a close, Stephen Maloney, only living member of the Centralia local safety committee, asked newsmen "Why doesn't the government discharge operating managers of all unsafe mines that had operated in violation of the safety code?"

Pressed by Senator Joseph O'Mahoney (D-Wyo), William A. Gallagher,

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U. S. Bureau of Mines supervising inspector, testified:

"Only two mines in the United States complied with the federal safety code. If the coal mines administration feels that the work of remedying conditions is not proceeding fast enough I feel they should leave everybody go. In that case all over the United States everybody in charge of mines would go."

The nominal federal operating manager of the Centralia mines, F. H. McDonald, president of the Centralia Coal Co., will be called on to testify in Washington, committee members said.

"I haven't seen Mr. McDonald in Centralia since the disaster," W. R. Compton, Coal Mines Administration general counsel told the committee.

HEAR EUGENE DENNIS, WJZ, 10:30 TONIGHT

Get REAL Foreign Agents--Dennis

Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the Communist Party, yesterday assailed a proposal of Un-American Committee chairman J. Parnell Thomas that the Justice Department prosecute the Communist Party. Dennis' letter to Attorney General Thomas C. Clark follows:

Dear Mr. Clark:

I read in the New York Times of April 2 that Mr. J. Parnell Thomas, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, addressed a letter to you on April 1.

I notice that Mr. Thomas therein requested that the Department of Justice "take immediate steps to prosecute the Communist Party and its officials for failure to comply with the McCormack Act and the Voorhis Act."

You will observe that Mr. Thomas makes this request on April 1, April Fool's Day. True, many Americans are inclined to take anything Thomas says with many grains of salt on all other days as well. But this, Sir, is a serious matter.

Therefore, Mr. Attorney General, let us get down to cases.

Anyone who is not historically illiterate knows that the Communist Party of the U.S.A. is an American political party. It is a working class political party which was born of America's common people and whose ultimate objective is socialism. In its antecedents it existed in the United States before the American Civil War and played a patriotic and heroic part in that conflict, as recognized by President Lincoln.

Further, the Communist Party is an independent organization making its own decisions, according to its own understanding, to promote the welfare and progress of our country and people. And now, as always, the Communist Party owes its first and only allegiance to the sovereign power that resides in the American people.

As you know, there were Communists in the United States prior to the formation in 1919, of the Communist International.

The Utopian Communist, Robert Owen, addressed one of the sessions of the United States Congress in the early part of the nineteenth century. William Sylvius, the great American labor leader of the 1870's, was one of the founders of the American Communist movement. And Colonel Joseph Weydemeyer, a foremost American Communist and lifelong friend of Marx, served the Union Army under Lincoln.

On the occasion of his re-election to the Presidency, Abraham Lincoln exchanged fraternal greetings with the first Communist International, whose chairman was Karl Marx.

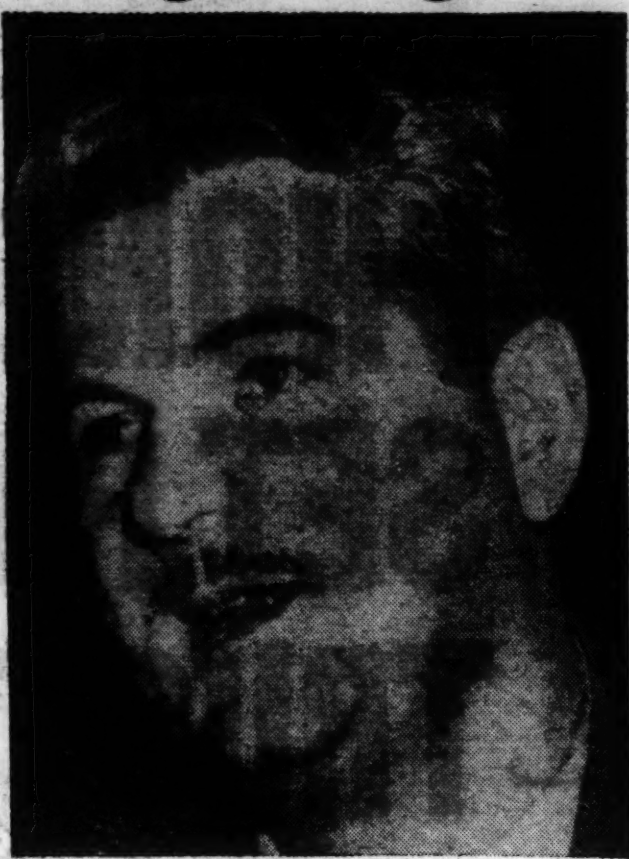
You are also familiar with the fact that up to 1940 the Communist Party of the United States, in the form in which it then existed, was affiliated to the Communist International. During this period the Communist Party, which at all times made its own independent decisions, publicized its fraternal relations with that organization. In November, 1940, the Communist Party dissolved its connection with the Communist International and publicly stated its reasons for doing so.

Likewise you know that in 1943 the Communist International itself was dissolved by the unanimous vote of the remaining affiliated parties.

The American Communists were not then subject to either the McCormack or the Voorhis Act. Obviously, then as now, neither the program nor the activity of the Communist Party comes within the scope of these Acts.

What is there today that would indicate that President Roosevelt was wrong when he persistently refused Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's request to include the American Communists either under the McCormack or the Voorhis Act?

Of course, some very un-American gentlemen assert that we American Communists are "foreign agents" because in our general ap-



proach to questions of foreign policy our views coincide with the position taken by anti-fascists of other lands. It so happens that other patriotic Americans have taken a position similar to ours. This was true at times of the stand taken by the late President Roosevelt, who believed that the interests of the United States are served by friendly and not hostile relations with the Soviet Union.

I grant you that on more than one occasion the position of the American Communist Party on foreign affairs has in one or another aspect coincided with the foreign policy advocated by the USSR. So what? It was in each instance in accord with the interests of the United States and all democratic peoples. Whereas at this moment, the foreign policy of the present Administration and of the Hoover-Vandenberg Republican leadership has in one or another aspect paralleled that of the British Tories—which is not in the interests of the United States.

What is important is not whether our position on this or that question may have coincided with the position advocated by some other organization or government. What is important—in fact, what is basic—is whether or not the position that we American Communists have taken on foreign, as well as domestic policy, has protected and advanced the genuine national interests of the American people.

Can any honest American deny that we Communists were correct and acted as real patriots when in the past, as today, we promoted American-Soviet friendship? When we fought to end the shipment of oil and scrap iron to militarist Japan? When we came to the aid of Republican Spain? When we struggled for collective security, for quarantining the fascist aggressors? And now, when we bend every effort to ensure Big Three unity and the fulfillment of the Teheran, Yalta, Moscow and Potsdam accords?

Moreover, Mr. Attorney General, no matter how strongly many Americans may disagree with the position and program of us Communists—every forthright American knows that we Communists joined hands with our fellow-Americans and mobilized everything to help guarantee victory over the enemies of our country, the fascist Axis. Whether it was the 15,000 American Communists who served our country loyally and ably on the battlefields, or the additional thousands who fought on the production line, our war record is the record of patriots.

You must admit, Mr. Attorney General, that if we American Communists are to be classified as "foreign agents," then, too, all adherents of FDR's progressive policies, of American-Soviet understanding, and Big Three unity, must be equally branded as "subversive."

For many years the American Federation of Labor was affiliated with the International Federation of Trade Unions. Likewise, the Con-

gress of Industrial Organizations, in full accord with the interests of the American working people, is affiliated to the World Federation of Trade Unions. The YMCA and the YWCA maintain international affiliations. Many millions of our fellow-Americans who adhere to the Catholic religion also maintain a world-wide affiliation.

No honest man calls these organizations "foreign agents" because of their fraternal bonds of international affiliation, or because this relationship brings them into contact with citizens of other countries who hold diverse political opinions.

Today, as in the past, we American Communists are in profound agreement with Lincoln, who said that "the strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation, should be one uniting all working people, of all nations and tongues and kindreds."

Further, Mr. Attorney General, if you were to concur in Mr. Parnell Thomas' suggestion, you would, perforce, find it essential to renounce the definition of democracy recently enunciated by Secretary of State Marshall. For you will recall that Mr. Marshall outlined certain democratic rights which in his judgment are applicable for all Germans, including anti-Nazi Germans of Communist persuasion. Mr. Marshall could recommend this only because the Communist Party of each land is of native origin and comes into being as a result of the specific conditions of social development in its country. And Mr. Marshall did not, and could not advocate that even German Communists should be registered as "foreign agents."

However, Mr. Attorney General, I wish to remind you that there are foreign agents and fifth columnists in almost every part of the globe.

We Americans are painfully conscious of this fact and this curse. For we are saddled with the giant U. S. trusts whose first allegiance is to monopoly profits and, not least of all, to their profitable cartel arrangements with the I. G. Farben industry and their Japanese partners.

We are mindful, too, of the various foreign agents, certain Americans who represent, in the United States, the fascist interests of Franco Spain, monarchist Greece and Chiang Kai-shek in China.

I submit, Mr. Attorney General, that the American people really want to know the score about our un-American and pro-fascist monopolists—the real foreign agents, the real instigators of America's fifth columnists, i.e., the big corporations who are the paymasters of the KKK, the Gerald K. Smiths, American Action, Inc., the lynchers, the anti-Semitic gangsters and the professional anti-Communists.

I submit, Mr. Attorney General, that all unbiased evidence will show that just as Thomas Jefferson was labelled a Jacobin, a "foreign agent"—so today we American Communists are being labelled foreign agents because we too believe in and fight for liberty and justice for all.

In conclusion, I respectfully call to your attention the enclosed statement which I endeavored to submit on March 26 to the House Un-American Committee.

I also enclose for your information the Constitution of the Communist Party of the United States.

I trust, Sir, that if you are taking Mr. Thomas' un-American recommendation under advisement, you will bear in mind the viewpoint expressed by President Truman in his letter of February 28, 1947, to ex-Governor Earle, in which he (Mr. Truman) states:

"People are very much wrought up about the 'Communist bugaboo,' but I am of the opinion that the country is perfectly safe so far as Communism is concerned. . . ."

May I remind you, Mr. Attorney General, that the oath and obligation of your high office require that you defend and uphold the American Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This means that it is your duty to help preserve the inalienable democratic rights of the whole American people, including American Communists, unionists and the Negro people.

**Rep. Patman Fights Stall
On Printing Expose of Fascism**

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LABOR and the NATION



A Miner and His Children Pray: Before a Liberty, Pa., altar, soft coal miner John Lockovic and his two children mourn for the 111 men who died in the Centralia disaster. With the end of the six-day mourning period, the Mine Workers Union has asked that all the nation's soft coal mines be closed until certified as safe.

Phone Strike Set for 6 A.M.; Trust Stalls

WASHINGTON, April 6 (UP).—President Joseph A. Beirne of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, said tonight that all efforts to head off the nationwide telephone walkout have failed and "tomorrow morning we strike."

His statement of the union's position was made in a Mutual Network radio address a bare 10 hours before the 6 a.m. strike deadline.

The phone workers are demanding \$12 weekly pay boosts, a union shop, dues check-off, shortening of the automatic progression schedules from eight to five years, and increased vacation and pension benefits.

Involved are 39 affiliates with the NFTW and independent unions representing 287,025 workers. In addition there are several independent unions, not affiliated with the NFTW, representing 50,000 employees. There are 10 non-striking affiliates of the NFTW whose 10,000 members are not expected to respect picket lines.

The strike would affect the entire nation except the six New England states and a few others.

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"EFFORTS FAILED"

"All our efforts have failed," Beirne said. "Tomorrow morning we strike. Strike action is being taken only as a last resort. We regret the inconvenience to the public. We are fully aware of our responsibilities and have moved slowly and cautiously."

Referring to an arbitration proposal advanced by Assistant Secretary of Labor John W. Gibson, Beirne said the union had agreed to arbitrate all items in dispute.

"We believe that if any arbitration is to be used it should encompass all dispute items without any strings attached," he said, "or else

we could have a repetition of our present crisis at some later date."

"OFFERS LIMITED"

He charged that A. T. & T. arbitration offers made to NFTW affiliates have been "so limited that they are unacceptable." In any event, he added, "arbitration is not a substitute for collective bargaining—we prefer collective bargaining to arbitration."

Even as Beirne spoke, reports pouring in from all over the country showed that negotiation conferences between NFTW unions and Bell Telephone System companies had produced nothing concrete.

Without exception, the negotiators reported "no progress" although most said they would stay in session until the strike deadline.

In New York, as phone workers geared for strike, U. S. conciliator J. L. Mandelbaum said last night that New York Telephone Company officials had agreed to consider making a counter-offer to four local telephone unions before the nationwide strike deadline at 6 a.m.

Spring Floods Death Toll at 11

CHICAGO, April 6 (UP).—An estimated 15,000 persons were homeless or stranded in their homes today as spring floods ravaged large areas of the midwest and east.

Storms, floods and tornadoes, which have battered the midwest since early Saturday, had killed at least 11 persons. Four died in an Oklahoma tornado, three persons drowned in Kansas when their boat capsized in a gale. Two persons died in Indiana, one in Illinois and one in Michigan.

The worst flood in years gripped parts of southern Michigan. Approximately half of the 17,000 residents of Mt. Clemens, Mich., were marooned in their homes. Flood waters swirled through sections of at least 15 other Michigan towns and communities.

Easter Sunday parades were spoiled in most sections of the country by dismal weather. Exceptions were New York, where skies were sunny and temperatures in the 70's; California and Florida, and sections of the southwestern plains and lower Mississippi Valley. Chicago's Michigan Boulevard, whipped by high winds, was deserted throughout the morning.

Find SIU Official Guilty of Killing

BALTIMORE, Md., April 6 (UP).—Walter Haas, an official of the Seafarers International Union, AFL, yesterday was found guilty of murder and arson for tossing a bomb into a rooming house and killing six seamen.

Three sleeping sailors were burned to death when the home-made fire bomb exploded in the rooming house. Three other seamen died later of burns. All were Latin-Americans.

Haas was convicted by a three-judge court. Two co-defendants, John Hatgimisis of Philadelphia and John Bridges, Jr., of Charleston, S. C., were acquitted. Sentence was deferred.

Miners Stay Out In Fight for Safety

Four hundred thousand soft coal miners last night ended their week of mourning for their 111 brothers slain in the Centralia disaster, but their fight for safety had only begun. The only mines certain to open today were the two

in Wyoming which were certified as safe—the only safe mines in all the United States.

Coal Mines Administrator N. H. Collisson continued his rejection of the AFL United Mine Workers' plea that all the mines be closed. However, Interior Secretary J. A. Krug notified Governors of 15 states that dangerous conditions existed in 162 mines not under federal administration.

PLEA TO LEWIS

Urged by the administration to "cooperate" in restoring production, John L. Lewis, UMW president, told the press:

"I would have no comment of any character."

First fruit of the mine workers' demonstration was last week's U. S. order shutting down 518 government-operated mines. Yesterday's plea to the Governors was more of the same belated concern for safety.

Collisson, according to testimony before a Senate committee, ordered miners' back to work when their safety committee told them to quit the mine. But that was before Centralia.

Krug told the Governors explosion

hazards constitute the chief danger and that rock dusting should be done in all mines.

Reports from the mine fields indicated little coal would be dug until the mines are made safe or the UMW works out a procedure for making them safe.

No Safety--No Work

By A. Krchmarek

BELLAIRE, Ohio, April 6.—"No Safety—No Work" is rapidly developing into a fighting slogan of almost equal potency among the coal miners as the "No Contract—No Work."

The one week stoppage ordered by John L. Lewis as a memorial for the Centralia victims, developed into something far greater than that. The meetings held throughout the coal fields on April 1st and during the week, became mighty protest action against the continued slaughter of the coal miners.

In western Pennsylvania, two giant rallies took place—in California, Pa., attended by 30,000 people and in New Kensington attended by

9,000. Throughout the Ohio Valley and in West Virginia every local and community held memorial meetings, which became protest meetings of the miners.

The stoppage called by the union was one of the most significant developments in labor history. For the first time a national walkout took place in a basic industry to protest hazards and enforce safe working conditions. This offensive of the miners took place despite injunctions, court orders, government strikebreaking and threatened anti-strike and anti-labor legislation. Overnight, reaction has been put on the defensive by the coal miners determined action.

It was this fact that forced the government to order the closing of the 518 coal mines because of dangerous conditions. These mines had been dangerous right along, but the coal operators and government officials paid no heed. But now, as the No Safety—No Work movement spreads like wild fire, it has finally forced a grudging recognition of a situation that has been causing the needless loss of so many lives.

Speaking at a series of Ohio Valley, memorial meetings, Adolf Pacifico, leader of UMW District No. 6 told the miners:

"We have undertaken every avenue of recourse to get safety rules enforced. Now the only thing I can tell you is this: when the mine is not safe to work in, stay the hell out of it until it is made safe."

Bearing out Pacifico's charges was the fact that of all the large mines in Ohio Valley all but three have been ordered closed by Krug's order.

The new slogan of action is not being adopted merely as an emergency measure. It is being accepted as a permanent policy for the future to deal with the question of enforcing mine safety. It is this fact that is influencing Congress to do something on Federal Mine Safety Laws, and forced the officials to close the dangerous mines. The solidarity of the miners is wringing new concessions from Big Business at a time when it was poisoning its heavy artillery to weaken and smash the miners' union.

It was evident in every meeting that the miners were straining to hear as to what action and steps the leaders had to offer not only on this question, but on the entire offensive against labor. Where the district leadership met this challenge and gave at least partial answers, the response was terrific.

But in some cases the leaders only repeated the old formula of praise for Lewis and for each other, and failed to sound the alarm of the danger facing all labor. It was here the miners expressed their keenest disappointment.

In the past the miners have gone along with the idea of the national leadership that they can fight their own battles and win victories by themselves. Recent events wherein they have been confronted by the concentrated power of Big Business aided by the government and its strikebreaking role, has changed their attitude.

Now every miner speaks of the need of united action of all labor. Their isolationist illusions in relation to other unions are being pushed aside, and a new deep-going urge for the solidarity of all labor setting in. This new feeling still has to be forced on the consciousness of the national leaders.

'I'D RATHER LIVE ON \$20 THAN LIE IN A COFFIN'

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, Pa., April 6.—With dangerous conditions forcing 400,000 soft coal miners into a nation-wide safety stoppage, one miner told the Daily Worker "I'd rather live on \$20 a week than lie in a coffin."

He was referring to the compensation payments. Many men were dissatisfied with Interior Secretary Krug's order making union safety committees jointly responsible with operators for certifying mines as safe.

One put it this way, "Miners who can't sign checks to make mines safe, can't be held responsible for correcting conditions."

Meanwhile, mine dangers similar to those that caused the Centralia disaster were reported from Kentucky, where the biggest 1945 disaster cost 24 lives at Pineville.

It was learned that Kentucky District 304 wired John L. Lewis that the state's Department of Mines and Minerals is still owned and controlled by the local operators.

The 24 men killed at Pineville are still sealed inside the Straight Creek Mine.

NEW YORK

3-Day Hearings On Budget Start At City Hall Today

By Michael Singer

Hearings on Mayor O'Dwyer's \$1,029,120,314 executive budget begin in City Hall this morning and will continue through Wednesday. The Board of Estimate will hear arguments for a lower realty tax rate

Cops Beat Evicted Youth Here

A slight 18-year-old Puerto Rican youth was beaten by four city police in East Harlem yesterday. The police later invaded the hospital emergency room where he was getting first aid, stopped a nurse from dressing cuts on his face, and kicked him into the street. They told the youth not to go to another hospital.

Eufemio Rivera, told the Daily Worker the story yesterday at the East Harlem Communist headquarters, 1549 Madison Ave., to which Party members had brought him.

He had been standing on the corner of 106 St. and Madison Ave. at 7 a.m. when a prowl car passed. Having been evicted the night before from 26 E. 106 St. he had spent the night in the streets and in nearby Central Park.

"Two of them got out and asked me what I was doing," he explained in Spanish. "I told them about being put out of my home. So they took me there."

Gabino Hernandez had been charging him \$5 a week to sleep on a floor in his apartment.

When questioned by the cops, Hernandez, evidently afraid of getting involved, told them a confusing story. When Rivera tried to explain the facts one of the cops began hitting him. Then the other cop kicked him. They left him on the street in a semi-conscious condition. Party members found him and took him to Fifth Avenue Hospital.

from the landlords and the Wall Street cliques and demands for permanent cost-of-living bonuses from CIO civil service spokesmen.

Representatives from health, welfare, educational and library departments are scheduled to ask upward revision of their appropriations.

The mayor's budget—first billion dollar budget in city history—is a constructive one. While later revelations showed a miscalculation on the real estate assessment and a prediction of a 2.88 tax levy on property instead of 2.95, the mayor has nevertheless, gone near the constitutional limit on realty assessments for 1947-48. This is quite a step forward from last year when property owners got away with nearly \$50,000,000 in unassessed levies.

Wall Street interests, seizing on the mistake in tax figures, hope to create such a barrage and so embarrass the administration as to force further revisions in the budget. They aim to impose more tax burdens on the people and reopen the 10-cent fare argument.

CIO Civil Service spokesmen will support the mayor's budget but concentrate on the General Fund set at \$341,800,000 as an under-estimation by some \$20,000,000 of actual revenues to be received. They will urge that this surplus, instead of being carried over into next year's budget, as is generally done, be used to make temporary living cost bonuses permanent.

They will cite facts to show that such a move will cost the city only \$7,000,000 in increased pension contributions.

The budget hearings bid fair to outdo the nickel fare show in intensity of argument and number of spokesmen.



For a Colorful May 1 Parade: Shown here are models of floats to be used in the annual May Day parade. Floats and banners featuring labor's main slogans are being made in a special workshop of the United May Day Committee. The Committee is located at 13 Astor Place, Room 508.

Firings Threaten Thousands Of Negroes on Gov't Payroll

By Abner W. Berry

During the war thousands of Negro workers flocked to 124 St. and Lenox Ave. mornings, afternoons and nights to board busses for Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey. Other thousands went by subway from Harlem to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, while still others

reported to government offices throughout Greater New York. The federal government was a bigtime employer of Negro labor, both clerical and manual.

In the Brooklyn Navy Yard alone some 15,000 Negroes were discharged after V-J Day. Figures for Picatinny Arsenal are not available. But there are no more buses taking three shifts of workers daily from Harlem to the arsenal.

In the government agencies hiring Negro white collar workers the cut-backs were not severe up to now.

But the ax is being sharpened to cut thousands of Negroes from government payrolls between now and summer. Just how the ax is aimed is indicated by what is happening in the Processing Division of the Internal Revenue Bureau, a part of the Treasury Department.

This agency now has 2,200 workers on the rolls, 90 percent of whom are Negroes. Its head, Ernest Campbell, has announced that following civil service examinations he will reduce the number of Negro workers to a ratio of 1 to 15. A large number of the bureau's employees are women and veterans who would have a hard time finding jobs elsewhere.

AIMED AT NEGROES
Most of the workers came to the agency when there was a severe manpower shortage. Mrs. Clarissa Cumbo, of 768 E. 168th St., Bronx, took a job in the post office in January, 1944, and transferred to the Internal Revenue in October of the same year. Before going to the post office she had been a housewife. Now she is chairwoman of the Internal Revenue Branch of Local 20, UPW-CIO.

She is typical of the women workers who comprise the IR staff. There are no cut-backs contemplated in the agency; tax returns for the entire country are still processed there. The cut-backs are aimed at the Negro workers there ONLY. The supervisor, who has arbitrary powers in placing workers, can displace the Negroes by the use of normal civil service procedures. For example, when he requests workers from the civil service register he is presented a panel of three workers. He can reject one or all of the panel presented for any reason. And he can request panel after panel until the register is exhausted. There are over 40,000 names on the register, so he could easily eliminate ALL Negroes, depending only on his personal attitude.

Officials and members of the CIO federal workers union were indignant at the President's "loyalty test" order coming on top of the already dictatorial powers granted administrators under present procedures. There was general agreement that unless procedures were changed Negroes would lose all gains in government employment in the coming months and in some agencies Negro workers would be wiped out entirely.

Led by John H. Harmon, Jr., a former federal employee, now head of the United Small Businessmen's Association, the citizens of Harlem and the Bronx are rallying to the defense of the Internal Revenue workers. It was the one spot where a fight was going on to reverse the trend toward wiping out Negro wartime employment gains. The national and local offices of the union are backing the fight and both union and community leaders feel that they can win.

If they win this fight they will make a stride against the arbitrary hiring procedure which excludes Negro workers more often than not from federal employment.

"Unless procedures change," Herman Serby, a UPW-CIO officer told the Daily Worker, "Negro workers will remain at the mercy of every prejudiced supervisor."

DATA LACKING
Another aspect of unemployment among Negroes is the lack of statistical information. While government agencies practice hidden discrimination against Negroes, other agencies responsible for providing the public with vital information cover up by refusal to keep record of the Negro workers' employment status. In this regard SCAD needs some amendments and government workers feel that President Truman should issue an order protecting the job rights of Negroes in federal agencies instead of restricting the already meager liberties of Uncle Sam's workers.

Negro employment and SCAD will be the subject of Tuesday's article.

Negro Vets Denied GI Rights

Vet Administration Refuses to Accredite UNAVA

By John Hudson Jones

The rights of 600,000 Negro veterans are endangered by Veterans Administrator Omar N. Bradley's denial of accreditation to the United Negro and Allied Veterans. In the South where VA officials follow Jimcrow law, there is no other organization they can de-

pend on. Terminal leave pay, disability claims, pension payments, business loans, medical care, home loans, and free tuition are denied them or are unfairly administered.

With VA accreditation, UNAVA representatives could function in VA offices. They could bring directly to VA's attention all veterans problems which they must now route through other organizations such as the Red Cross.

Bradley's denial of UNAVA's application was contained in a letter to Kenneth C. Kennedy, National Commander. It was withheld, he declared, because UNAVA "... does not at this time meet administrative requirements for recognition in the presentation of claims..." His letter was a "... final denial of the application in question."

FACTS REFUTE

The facts however refute this contention and put a concrete floor under UNAVA's old charges of VA bias in handling the special problems of Negro veterans

There are no specified "administrative requirements" upon which accreditation is based. If so they are secret. At a Feb. 14th public meeting in Harlem, after UNAVA vice-Commander Howard Johnson's direct charge of VA discrimination, Deputy VA Administrator Col. David P. Page declared, he didn't "... see any reason why..." UNAVA shouldn't be accredited.

Prior to Jan. 1, 1947, Congressional law left accreditation to the administrator's discretion under Section 201, Public Law 844 adopted by the 74th Congress. As of Jan. 1, organizations seeking accreditation, must be chartered by an act of Congress. This however did not apply to UNAVA, since it made application Dec. 11, 1946.

With a national active membership of over 6,000 Negro and white veterans UNAVA has directed more than 300 veterans' claims to VA; and has aided some 9,000 veterans directly—this despite lack of accreditation and according to

George Murphy, National Adjutant they intend to continue and increase its services.

Such special veterans groups as the United Indian War Veterans; the National Society Army of the Philippines; the Fleet Reserve Association; the National Tribune; and the United Spanish War Veteran have received accreditation.

There are dozens of state and local agencies throughout the country with tiny memberships that have been accredited.

UNAVA enlisted vigorous support for accreditation from many prominent Negro leaders. On several occasions General Bradley met with Murphy, Dr. William H. Jernagin, executive secretary of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, and J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World. These two men representing over 4,000,000 Negroes fully supported UNAVA's case for accreditation and urged official recognition.

Dressmakers to Plan For May 1 at Rally

Plans for the dressmakers' contingent in the May Day parade will be made at a mass meeting after work Tuesday, it was announced yesterday. Louis Weinstock and Albert Kahn will address the gathering, at the Hotel Diplomat, 43rd and Sixth, 6:30 p.m.

Party Fighting Fund

As of Saturday, April 5

\$244,833

B'klyn 'Y' Preaches Love of People--Locks Out Workers

"To build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians. In this endeavor we seek to understand Jesus, to share His love for all people and to grow in the knowledge and love of God."

By Louise Mitchell

It's about time directors of the Brooklyn YWCA re-read the purpose of their institution engraved on every membership card, and started to practice what they preach.

"... to share His love for all the people..."

About 55 Negroes and white workers have been locked out of the "Y" for six weeks because board members refuse to settle or arbitrate wage and hour issues.

Board members, whose Easter bunnies cost more than some of the take-home pay of "Y" workers, rejected the advice of their attorneys to come to terms with Local 19, Social Service Union, CIO.

They'd rather pay \$20 a day to Burns detectives than a 15-cent hourly increase to loyal workers. Scabs get food, lodging, pay and back-patting, but a four-hour cut in the work week is too much for regular workers.

Fifteen years of faithful service meant nothing to Mrs. Francis T. Christy, president of the board, who fired A. E. Dunham, 57-year-old chief engineer because he refused to cross a picket line.

Among the locked-out workers are maids, porters, elevator operators, foremen, cafeteria workers, professional and clerical employees. The strikers who wouldn't accept a "yellow-dog contract," as well as those workers who wouldn't cross the picket line, were given the out-you-go.

At strike headquarters, 460 Atlantic Ave., "Y" strikers assemble daily at 5:30 a.m. to carry out assignments. Strike activity continues until after dark.

Brooklyn is aroused over the non-Christian ethics of the board leaders. Among those who have publicly protested are Bishop James P. DeWolfe of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, and Frances Damon, treasurer of the World Federation of Democratic Youth.

The picket lines are staffed by veterans of World War I and World War II. The veterans include Mark Clemmens, Joe Garcia, Morris Kimmel, Clifford Smart and Eugene Zambelli.

Most of the men and women on the lines never carried a picket sign before and Local 19 is the first union they ever were part of.

In addition to wages that are lower than home relief allotments, the workers feel let down because



Waiting for assignments at strike headquarters are Jerry de Renzo, Jackson Donnell, Amanda Jones and Risto Lane.

they are not protected by unemployment insurance or social security. The "Y" has no pension plan.

For Mrs. Bella Fahey, maid, the strike makes good sense. On the job two and a half years, she only received a five-cent raise in all that time, bringing her take-home to \$24. "And did we work for it," she comments.

Sixty-seven-year-old Jackson Donnell, elevator operator, supported himself and wife on \$25.50. "You can see why we need more money. Without the union, they can fire us left and right without protection."

Mrs. Sadie Reed, maid, paid \$10 weekly for room rent out of a \$23.70 pay. "And I had to clean 36 rooms, a street-long hall, five bathrooms and an apartment daily. That's work."

A mass picket line is scheduled

for Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the "Y," 30 Third Ave. Protests to board members and sup-

port to the union are what the strikers need to win. How about it?

Local 89 Forum Will Discuss Puerto Rico

The future of Puerto Rico will be discussed by Jesus Colon of the Cervantes Society of the IWO at a forum of AFL Local 89 Chefs Wednesday, April 9, at 8:30 p. m. at union hqtrs., 261 Eighth Ave.

Nassau CP Opposes L.I. RR Fare Boost

The Communist Party of Nassau-Suffolk Counties will appear at the public Services Commission on April 7 to oppose application of the Long Island Railroad for permission to increase fares.

2,500 NEW RECRUITS BY APRIL 18 IS NEW YORK COUNTY'S GOAL

These are the Sections that have exceeded the half-way mark:

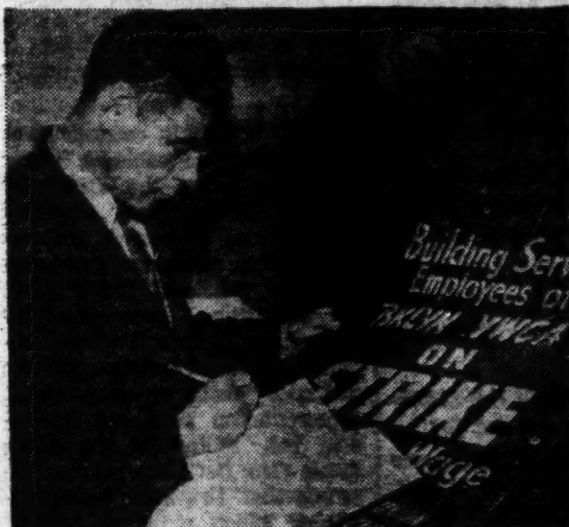
	June 1 Goal	Recruited To Date
Lower Harlem	140	82
Lower East Side	140	72
West Side	140	72
Lower Manhattan	90	46

Will your Section reach the half-way point by the

SECOND MILESTONE CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - at 8 P.M.

FORBES AUDITORIUM



Working out the strike schedule (above left) is Emil Hoch, fireman. Hoch couldn't manage to support his family of four on \$52, the highest pay received by any of the strikers. He lives in New Jersey but comes early and stays late to carry out strike activity. Phillis Teixeira and Morris Kimmel (right) are getting a hot drink at strike headquarters, 460 Atlantic Ave.



N.Y. COMMUNISTS REACH 25% OF RECRUITING GOAL

New York Communists have reached 25 percent of the June 1st recruiting goal.

In New York City, 2,442 new members were enrolled as of April 4. Upstate, the total was 299.

Sections which have gone beyond the quarter mark are Westchester with 67 percent of its June 1st quota attained; Nassau with 55 percent; and Bronx with 30 percent.

Sections which drag down the general total are needle and mid-Hudson.

Recruiting scores are:

County	Total recruited up to April 4th	Percent of June 1st Quota
New York	1200	25
Kings	566	23
Bronx	461	30
Queens	134	18
Cultural	73	10
Needle	8	4
TOTAL N. Y. CITY	2442	24
Upstate		
Westchester	91	67
No. East. Dist.	24	16
Nassau	78	55
West Sub-Dist.	103	36
Mid-Hudson	3	6
TOTAL UPSTATE	299	34
Richmond County	2	8
TOTAL FOR N. Y. STATE	2743	25

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"DEFEND LABOR—DEFEND DEMOCRACY WEEK, APRIL 7-15"

"DEFEND LABOR—DEFEND DEMOCRACITION EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK"

FIRST THREE DAYS: (Watch for the remaining week's schedule)

1. Organized house-to-house distribution—50,000 4-page folder containing SUPPRESSED Dennis' testimony.

2. Tables, placards, petitions on anti-labor legislation, May Day pamphlets, etc., on key corners in community.

3. OPEN-AIR MEETING NIGHT—series of open-air meetings to be held on all main streets, sale of Daily Worker.

CLIMAX OF THE WEEK — BRONX COUNTY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUES., APRIL 15

8:30 P.M.

HENRY WINSTON

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SECRETARY CPUSA Tremont and Washington Aves.

BRONX WINTER GARDEN

Bring Your Questions!

Science Notebook OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

By Peter Stone

RECENTLY THE UNITED STATES Public Health Service came across a claim for a most unusual occupational disability. The worker was a dealer at a dice table in a Reno gambling casino, and was suffering from a skin ailment. The investigation revealed that the patient constantly came in contact with the green felt of the dice table.

The green dye rubbed off on his fingers, creating an allergic skin infection, which was further affected from the germs present on silver dollars. The physician ordered the dealer to refrain from handling silver, but since greenbacks are practically unknown in Reno, such a medical order worked permanent economic hardship on the gambler. (A later suggestion was made that the dealer wear gloves at his work.)

Despite this odd and humorous note, more than 200 years of accumulated scientific research was necessary before an American court recognized occupational diseases as the responsibility of the employer. The New York Court of Appeals defined it as one which results from the nature of the employment. The learned jurists said that by nature is meant, "not those conditions brought about by failure of the employer to furnish a safe place to work, but conditions to which all employees of a class are subject, and which produce the disease as a natural incident of a peculiar occupation, and attach to that occupation a hazard which distinguishes it from the usual run of occupations, and is in excess of the hazard attending employment in general." (Goldberg vs. Mercy Corp., 12 N. E. Rep.: page 211).

THE FIRST systematic treatment on occupational diseases came from the pen of the Italian scholar Bernardino Ramazzini (1682-1700). His classical work "De Morbis Artificum" (Disease of Tradesmen) collected all previous knowledge mentioned by Peracelsus and others about the diseases of miners.

Ramazzini's observations are still worthy of being read with interest and profit. He noted the harmful effects of metals, the damages produced by mercury preparations prescribed by surgeons, the various disorders that attack painters. His book was authoritative for studies made on tinners' diseases, as well as the hazards of antimony used by workers producing colored glass.

It is no accident that such a work was first published in 1710. This was the beginning of the

mechanical age and even the physicians thought of their science as a mechanical art. In the universities there was great interest in machinery and physicians constantly compared organs to tools.

INDUSTRIAL MEDICINE began in this country in 1837 with an essay which warned against the coming industrial revolution which was spreading from the New England textile mills. Its author Dr. McCree raised the question quite seriously whether it would not be better for the country to remain agricultural instead of developing industries. He did not develop the idea of occupational disease, but instead showed that the declining health of the American people was due to bad living and working conditions, poor ventilation of the



Allergic Crap-Shooter

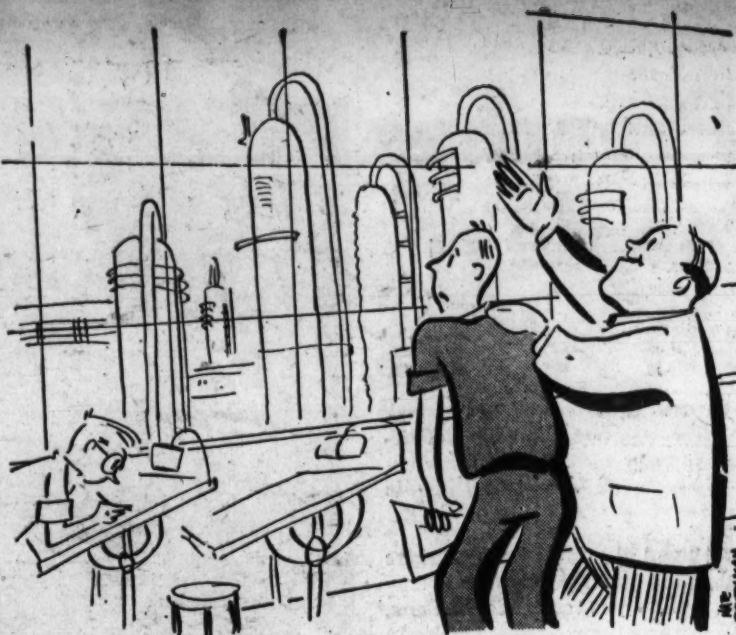
shops, bad housing and general filth accumulated around factory towns.

Approximately one hundred years later Dr. Alice Hamilton of Harvard went into a "new, unexplored field of American medicine, the field of industrial medicine." So rapid and ruthless had been the pace of capitalism development that little had been done to alleviate and halt the ever-growing crop of new occupational diseases. American medical authorities had never taken the subject seriously, despite all the magnificent research carried on in Europe. The American Medical Association had never held a meeting on the subject, while European journals were full of articles in industrial poisoning. Even working as a physician or surgeon for an industrial concern was held up to professional ridicule; and factory inspection and hygiene was only a radical's dream.

Next week's column will be devoted to modern industrial diseases.



Set for World Hop: This converted attack bomber, the "Reynolds Bombshell," is shown on a tune-up flight over New York before its scheduled round the world hop. Pilot Wm. P. Odum hopes to do it in less than 55 hrs. break existing record. Take-off several times postponed, is set for today.



Technical America (United Office and Professional Workers, CIO)

"A raise? After all, Hopkins, we're all part of management—this is all ours. Let's think of it that way."

ADVENTURE vs. CAUTION

By James S. Allen

THE WAVE OF HYSTERIA set loose by Truman's speech of March 12, has aroused a spirit of adventurism in Congress such as this country has rarely seen.

Senator Byrd wants to press the Truman Doctrine until the Soviet Union is driven out of the United Nations. Senator Taft wants all projects for international control of atomic energy immediately shelved. A Representative urges the atomic bombardment of the Kremlin. Another demands all food shipments to Eastern Europe cease until the Soviet union is properly tamed by the Truman Doctrine.

Of all this wild gesturing, Byrd's project for scuttling the United Nations is most enlightening, for it undoubtedly represents the position of a consequential group in both parties. Byrd is an old war-horse of reaction, and can hardly be considered the victim of hysteria. His statement in the Senate reveals that this course is being advocated in some high political circles as a follow-up on the Truman speech.

EQUALLY REVEALING is the immediate reaction in more cautious circles to Byrd's outburst. These more circumspect advocates of imperialist expansion are trying to restrain the extremists who are by far more hysterical than they were meant to become.

Commenting on Byrd and some of the ardent disciples of the Truman Doctrine, the New York Herald Tribune (April 3) spoke of the "folly" and "futility" of turning the United Nations into an "alliance against the Soviet Union." This is bad enough, says the Tribune:

"But to drift into such a position in a casual way, through too reckless an intoxicated with our own words and political argumentations, would be worse than folly; it would be disaster."

A similar thought is expressed by the New York Times of the same date. It cautions against "blowing the new organization (U. N.) to bits," and urges that other alternatives must be found before a "complete break" with the Soviet Union.

IN THIS LIGHT, Vandenberg's amendments to the Greco-Turkish bill can be seen as a slowing-down operation, which has been forced by the widespread alarm at bypassing the United Nations.

Thus Walter Lippmann, who himself talks in true Prussian fashion of confronting force with force, heaves a sigh of relief as he praises Vandenberg.

By tortured reasoning he attempted to prove that if Vandenberg's changes are accepted, the United States will be acting, not unilaterally but with the consent of the United Nations until such a time as UN asked the United States to withdraw from Greece!

WHAT IS MOST important is not Lippmann's relief or his reasoning, but the great hold that



WORRY-BYRD

the United Nations has on the thinking of the American people. The concern for peace among the people is forcing the more cautious expansionists to restrain the wild adventurism that is causing universal alarm.

The expansionists of more moderate stripe may see the UN as a necessary instrument, as a cover for imperialist expansion. In their view, it is still necessary to retain some semblance of "collective security," while the United States continues to act unilaterally.

They know the American people cannot be dragged along to a complete break, which would lead towards war. They are fearful of the reaction already created abroad by the Truman Doctrine, of the growing anti-American animus throughout the world, and of the grave risks involved for their own expansionist plans should the Truman Doctrine fail in its very first efforts.

These are signs of confusion and nervousness in the bipartisan camp, and should hearten all those who are seriously taking up the cudgels against a policy that endangers democracy at home and world peace. Even if the Greco-Turkish aid is voted, the issue has not been settled by a longshot.

WORTH REPEATING

Henry Wallace, denouncing Truman's foreign policy, said: "The welfare of all peoples is our concern! Famine anywhere endangers plenty everywhere! Progress anywhere helps progress everywhere! Action to help the world must help America. But not the action the President proposes. The needs of a desperate people are being exploited, just as the generosity of the Americans is being exploited—for other ends. The truth is that the President and his Republican backers are less concerned with the need of the Greek people for food than with the need of the American Navy for oil." Speech at Madison Square Garden, New York, March 31, 1947.

Press Roundup

Journal Says United Nations Is Big 'Red Plot'

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN's top pro-Nazi correspondent says "Every defeat for President Truman is a defeat of American policy. . . . There are the open and secret pro-Soviet fronts. There is the United Nations first firing line." Hearst's man believes the UN is one big red plot and lauds Truman for undermining the UN. Von Wiegand charges any Senator who would amend, or change a single comma of the Truman doctrine, is "playing directly into the hands of Communist Soviet Russia."

THE HERALD TRIBUNE's William L. Shirer points out that since it is agreed the Truman Greek-Turkey proposal "is essentially a military matter . . . further discussion about saving non-existent 'democracies' in Turkey and Greece has become a waste of time and the 'Truman Doctrine' has to be judged solely on its military merits." Shirer does just that and finds it is "as absurd for us to try to exert successful military pressure . . . against the Soviet Union on or near its borders as it would be for Russia to use its military power against us from below the Rio Grande."

THE MIRROR's Ruth Alexander warns: "As the ideological crisis between free America and enslaved Russia approaches its climax, the safety of our home front may dictate drastic measures of dealing with Marxism. The law itself may find it wise to prohibit the teaching of Communism to those under 21, whom it protects as minors in other fields."

THE TIMES correspondent Drew Middleton cables a "think piece" to show the difference between Russian and American views about Germany. He sees Communism in Molotov's endorsement of elections "implemented by proportional representation." Now that Jeffersonian land reform has definitely become "Marxist" chalk up proportional representation as a red institution too. Editorially the Times greets Gen. DeGaulle because "he senses that the hour for determining which side will control France is nearing."

PM's Fiorello H. LaGuardia believes the proposed military intervention in behalf of Greek and Turkish totalitarianism is doomed to failure: "While we are declaring what amounts practically to ultimatums to the USSR, the Government of the United Kingdom is carrying out its policy for closer relations with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. . . . Former Vice - President Henry Wallace was ostracized by his party for disapproving the Greek-Turkish military plan, but is invited by the four parties forming the French Government to visit France as her guest." By contrast, however, LaGuardia shows Franco fascism has taken heart since the Truman doctrine was enunciated.

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Sen. George's Nightmares

WHATEVER else you may say about Sen. Walter George of Georgia, at least he's frank.

He doesn't plump for the Truman-Vandenberg program on the grounds that he's helping the Greek or the Turkish people.

He doesn't promise Americans that the administration's program is going to work.

He doesn't seem to think much about the fancy Vandenberg formulas that are supposed to make Americans believe we are not by-passing the United Nations. In fact, all that Vandenberg would do is to say that the UN must carry out OUR program and like it, or else we will—a strange way of treating allied powers. But George doesn't put too much stress on that.

His idea is to "check Russia"—which is supposed to be expanding all over the map. Mr. George sees the Russians in South America and in India—which will surely be news to the peoples of those continents.

The only meaning in such hysterics is that Mr. George is deliberately telling lies. The Soviet Union is not expanding. Its soldiers are actually being withdrawn from the only countries they were in—the former enemy lands.

'Stop Thief' Camouflage

The thieves are crying "stop thief." The only power that's really throwing its weight around happens to be our own country. When George rattles off all the countries he sees as "Red"—he's actually giving an advance list of the countries which we are going to step into, as we already are.

"We" doesn't refer to the average American, of course, who's having his troubles keeping head above water, what with skyrocketing prices, lower real wages, no tax relief, etc.

"We" are the big monopoly concerns, the oil interests, the Big Money. That's whom Mr. George represents. For their sake he's preparing the great Cook's tour of American imperialism that he generously and falsely ascribes to the Soviet Union.

George's outburst is a sign of how far this country has departed from the Roosevelt tradition and the Roosevelt policy.

Roosevelt had the idea of respecting legitimate Soviet security interests. Roosevelt had the idea of meeting the Soviet Union half-way as an equal. Roosevelt sought American security in a long period of friendly collaboration with the Soviet Union.

But what's left of this in the administration today? Only the shrill piping of Sen. George in the fake hysterics of a Goebbels and a Hitler. Such are the men who have betrayed Roosevelt and would now betray America.

The City Budget

REAL ESTATE and other big business interests are organizing in force to hack away at Mayor O'Dwyer's billion-dollar budget in public hearings, starting today.

There are weaknesses in the budget, such as failure to make permanent the temporary increases given civil service employees.

By and large, however, the budget is progressive, within the limits permitted by Gov. Dewey's policy of starving local governments in the interests of "economy" for the rich.

Chief target of the monied crowd will be the 18 or 19 point increase in the realty tax rate. Their aim will be to force the city to jack up the fare instead.

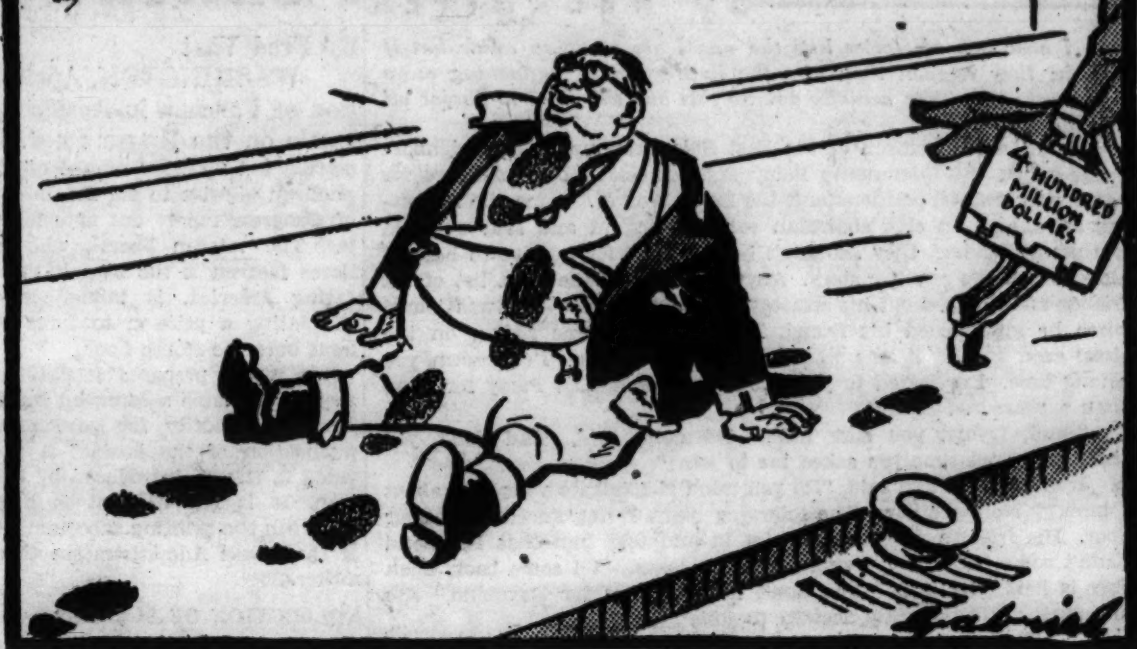
They will undoubtedly speak in the name of the small homeowner and will try to picture the poor landlord in need of relief from rent control.

The fact is the tax of a small homeowner will go up less than \$20 for the year, and a large apartment house owner will pay less than \$200 more.

The guys who will have to shell out are the big financial interests with large blocks of real estate. Some of them are getting back \$200,000,000 in debt interest, which is one-fifth of the total budget.

Their bid to wreck the budget will have to be counteracted by demonstrative public support for it.

COME TO THE LOVELY MEDITERRANEAN



'It's all right, he's Anti-Communist like me!'

GABRIEL, LONDON DAILY WORKER

Letters From Our Readers

Danger of Rankin's HR 1884

Haverhill, Mass.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Regarding the catch-all Rankin Bill, H.R. 1884, is there any progressive or liberal so unalert as to think that it would apply only to the Communist Party?

In Sec. 2 (1), all future progressive parties could be illegalized. "The term 'Communist Party' means the political party now known as the Communist Party of the United States of America, whether or not any change is hereafter made in such name."

Is it not obvious that if this bill were enacted, and the Communist Party illegalized, that any party organized after its enactment, such as a third party or a progressive 1948 elections coalition, would be charged with being a reorganization of the Communist Party under another name?

A F of L Officer Defends CP

Newark, N. J.
Editor, Daily Worker:

Following is a letter I have sent to Rep. P. Parnell Thomas of the Committee on Un-American Activities:

"I wish to protect most vigorously against the bill now before your committee, ostensibly to outlaw the Communist Party. I am opposed to it not only because it is against every principle of Americanism which grants everyone the right of freedom of expression, but because the Communists in the trade unions have proven that they are among the best builders of the union and have always fought for the preservation of American democracy."

JOHN ZELIPSKY
TREASURER,
CHEMICAL WORKERS,
LOCAL 14, AFL

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letters. We will withhold names upon request.

Let's Face It

A 'PORTAL' BILL VETO?

by Max Gordon

THERE IS DANGER that in the melee of congressional measures crucifying the people, we may lose sight of specific bills about which we ought to be howling loudest at any particular moment.

Take the first of the ripper bills passed by both houses in the new Congress, the misnamed "portal-to-portal" bill. Actually, this bill not only knocks out the portal-to-portal pay suits, but takes the guts out of one of the pillars of the New Deal—the wages and hour law.

It was deliberately designed to do this. Amendments which would have simply barred the portal-to-portal pay suits were rejected by its feudal-minded Republican-Democratic sponsors and by the GOP-poll tax gang in both houses.

They figure it as the lead-off measure in their program of sinking the New Deal and all its works, of taking us back to Mr. Hoover's America.

ON TOP OF KNOCKING out all pay claims due to travel in the plant or to any other activity which is "preliminary or postliminary" to a worker's "principal activity," the bill allows employers to violate the wage-and-hour law if it is done "in good faith." It puts a limit of two years on suits for back pay in case of violations; it sets "custom" of an employer as a basis for denying workers valid claim for back pay.

Such, as least, is the Senate version. The House version is slightly worse.

Right now the bill is in conference between the two houses. Once they iron out the minor differences, the joint version goes back for a vote to each house. After that, it is up to the President to sign or veto it.

Two big problems are connected with blocking final passage of the bill. First, there is the job of getting from Truman a real, fighting veto. Second, there is the job of seeing the veto is sustained in one or the other house.

I SAY A FIGHTING VETO because Truman may veto it for form's sake and then sit back and permit Congress to override his veto. The test will be both the quality of the veto message and the manner in which he whips into line certain wavering Democrats who voted for the bill but

can be forced to change their minds when the President's position is at stake.

As for sustaining the veto, the best bet is the Senate. Twenty-six senators were recorded against the bill. One opponent was absent and unrecorded, and one Republican who voted for it has since switched. This makes 28 votes against it, or five short of the number needed if every Senator votes.

Among possible further switches are Democrats O'Connor of Maryland and Fulbright of Arkansas; Republicans Tobey of New Hampshire, Thye of Minnesota, Young of N. Dakota and Ives of New York.

The case of Ives illustrates how labor has not been using its power to lick the bill. As GOP leader in the State Assembly, Ives won a certain amount of sympathy from labor because of his conciliatory attitude toward it. His attitude also aided Dewey in neutralizing a section of labor which had been traditionally hostile to the GOP, the state AFL leadership in particular.

Since Ives got out, Dewey has gone a long way toward loosening whatever hold he had on the AFL as a result of sponsorship of the Condon-Wadlin anti-strike act, the raid on the Unemployment Insurance Fund for the benefit of big business and the refusal to meet labor half-way on a single one of its own proposals.

BUT IVES HIMSELF appears to be showing the effects of Big Business pressures down in Washington, or, rather, of the failure of labor to exert greater pressure in an opposite direction.

Where he once opposed anti-labor legislation, he voted for the portal-to-portal monstrosity and, and seems, in public statements, to be laying the groundwork for support of drastic anti-union legislation.

My guess is that labor in New York State, particularly the AFL and upstate unions, have not been putting the heat on him anywhere near to the extent needed and possible.

In the case of the "portal-to-portal" bill, what is needed is, first, to get him and others to vote against the conference bill when it comes back to the Senate, and second, to get him to back a presidential veto.

BUILDING The Communist Party

By RECruITER

I hear lots of stories like the one I am about to relate but if told as they happen they give the impression of happening more frequently than they actually do. So this one will have to do for all the others.

Irving, a solid citizen of the East Side, grew up in his neighborhood, joined the Communist Party and canvassed his neighbors for years with leaflets, petitions and the Daily Worker. Came the recruiting drive, and his club chairman called Irving in and said we need recruits. Of course, they shouldn't have waited for a drive to happen along but that's another story. Anyway, Irving made up a list of his friends and mapped out his strategy and tactics. The issue was joined when he approached his friend, Raymond, who was sitting on the stoop even though it was winter. "Ray," he began, "I've known you a long time. I've talked to you about the Communist Party for more than a year. . . ."

"Sure, Irving, you sure have," Raymond said, "and don't you think it's about time you asked me to join?"

Irving gulped and said, "Do you mind if I talk to your wife about joining?" No objections. The following night Irving knocked on their door. His friend's wife invited him in and told him that Raymond hadn't come home yet. Irving started to leave. "I'll come back when Ray is here," he said. "You don't have to wait for Raymond," she anticipated, "I've already decided to join." (Honest—R)

Over in Brownsville they still have a local of the Workers Alliance which, together with the Communist Party, led the great unemployed struggles of the '30s. Although the Alliance has been out of existence for years, these die-hards hold on to the local that served them so well. This tide-mark of the great unemployed movement reminds us that the Party's past campaigns as well as its current struggles have prepared many minds for membership in the Party. We should have reached them, then. But let's reach them now. They remember.

The Unity Council of New York University was discussing anti-Semitism, Jimcrow and other forms of discrimination. The question was posed: "What organization practices no discrimination?" Four students cited the Communist Party. A fifth student, the only Communist present at the meeting, proudly declared at that point that she was a Party member. As a result of her public declaration, another council member is now a Party member.

A Negro mother, who went to Washington on a delegation of the Congress of American Women, has been red-baited so often that she took the bait and joined the Communist Party. And that's how she tells it.

He recruited his wife and some time later they went to a party given by their club in honor of the new members. There were refreshments and after refreshments a call for volunteer dishwashers. "Go on dear, and give them a hand," he said in male good spirits. Wife, who had not gone to new members' class for nothing, brightly came back with: "You help too, dear, we're both in the Party now."

AFL HOTEL UNION PARLEY NAMES OFFICERS TOMORROW

By Ruby Cooper

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 6.—Balloting for officers will be held Tuesday afternoon, International president Hugo Ernst told the delegates to the 31st convention of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance, and Bartenders International League of America (AFL) here. The chief contest is expected to center on the post of international secretary treasurer, now held by Edward S. Miller.

Opposing Miller is C. P. McDonough, San Francisco District vice president of the union. Supporting McDonough are most of the large local unions located on the West Coast, Chicago and New York.

Officials shot Preliminary to the opening of the convention here James Crowley and Dennis Kelly, two Chicago area union officers who were seeking to oust Miller, and elect McDonough, were victims of typical gangland ambush shootings. Both Crowley and Kelly were seriously wounded and Crowley's wife, Elizabeth, was killed.

The officials report reviews the growth of the union to its present 408,000, all time high membership. The union now ranks as the fifth largest in the AFL, the report declares.

It denounces "most dangerous and disturbing the highly financed and persistent effort of the part of reactionary forces to shackle labor by permanent restrictive legislation." Approximately 200 Negro delegates are attending the convention. At a special meeting they agreed to propose to the convention that an FEPC be established by the Union to carry on educational work against discriminatory practices.

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Commemorate the heroic uprising of Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto

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Patman Fights Stall on Gov't Publication of Fascist Expose

By Fred Vast

WASHINGTON, April 6.—GOP efforts to block publication of Fascism in Action appear to be heading for an open battle on the House floor. Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex) is getting fed up with refusal of Republican bigwigs to let the Library of Congress report out of committee. The veteran liberal, who believes fascism is the biggest threat facing America, is talking about circulating a petition to force the issue onto the House floor.

The report, prepared at Patman's request, contains a foreword by the Texan. Authority for government publication of the booklet is provided in HR 83, introduced by Patman. It is HR 83 that is being stalled in the printing subcommittee of the House Administration Committee.

COLLECTION OF SLANDERS

Fascism in Action was suggested last fall after publication of Communism in Action, a collection of slanders by professional anti-Sovieters. It was sponsored by Rep. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill) and sneaked through the House without debate in short order last year. More than 500,000 copies have been printed by the Government Printing Office.

Members of the printing subcommittee brush-off the delay in approving the document on fascism with the claim they want to read it "carefully" before giving their okay. The subcommittee is headed by Rep. Robert Corbett (R-Pa) and the parent group is run by Rep. Karl LeCompte (R-Ia).

Republican objection to the manuscript is seen in its branding Spain and Portugal as fascist nations and in Patman's hard-hitting foreword, which links the lessons of Germany and Italy to current conditions in the U. S.

Patman is concerned with the anti-Communist hysteria being used as a screen for fascism and the growing tendency of many high-placed, influential Americans to openly choose fascism as the only "bulwark against Communism."

"There are some people who would like to regard 'subversive' activity only in terms of Communism," he said, "but I think the fascist side is just as important."

"The same fascism that was fabricated in Italy and finished in Germany is now being peddled in America," Patman warned. "It is being sponsored by some exceedingly powerful groups who are far stronger than those trying to sell us communism."

"If we are to protect our American way of life from American fascism, we must bring it to light, expose its techniques, educate the people as to what it is, where it is, and how it operates."

Patman noted the reception other official works on fascism have received. The War Department's orientation bulletin on fascism was attacked by congressional reactionaries. O. John Rogge's report on

describes the nature of fascism and its strong symptoms in the U. S. He points out the red scare is still the most effective means for fascists to gain power. Biggest obstacle to fascism is a strong labor movement, which he explains is always one of the first victims of a fascist regime.

native fascists was suppressed by the Justice Department.

In his foreword to the Library of Congress study, Patman reportedly

MARCANTONIO DEMANDS BREAK WITH FRANCO

The United States should rupture relations with fascist Franco Spain, ALP Congressman Vito Marcantonio told 3,000 at a rally to commemorate the 16th anniversary of the Spanish Republic yesterday afternoon.

The meeting, held at Manhattan Center and sponsored by the Spanish-Republican Coordinating Committee, was chaired by Milton Wolff, commander of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Marcantonio's demand was duplicated in a message to the rally by the noted Spanish fighters for freedom Dolores Ibarruri (La Pasionara).

She said: "The Spanish people are determined to reconquer their lost liberties. They await your support, democratic Americans; and urge you to stop shipments of raw materials to Franco now."

Marcantonio sailed into President Truman's policy to aid the Greek and Turkey governments, terming it "intervention to aid fascism." The slogan "save democ-

racy from communism," he said, is "the same as Mussolini used in Ethiopia and Hitler used in Czechoslovakia and elsewhere."

That slogan, Marcantonio charged, is now being used by some government officials. "This is an imperialist slogan," he asserted, which is being used to "retard democratic freedom in Greece, in the Balkans and other parts of the world."

He declared that "Wall Street imperialists are seeking to perpetuate fascism in Greece," but that the peoples of the world "will reject the pro-fascist governments that we seek to impose."

Milton Wolff, in introducing Marcantonio, told the rally: "If we mean what we say about democracy, let's send millions of American dollars to the guerillas in Spain."



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MORNING

11:00-WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman
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11:15-WOR-Tello-Test Quiz
11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch Show
WOR-Easy Does It; Music
WJZ-Hollywood Story-Sketch
WQXR-Grand Slam-Musical Quiz
WQXR-Musical Personalities
11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawson-Sketch
WOR-Talk-Victor H. Lindlahr
WJZ-Ted Malone-Talk
WQXR-Rosemary-Sketch

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC-Rad Hall, News
WOR-Home Edition-News
WJZ-Kenny Baker Show
WQXR-News; Kate Smith Chat
WQXR-News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WNBC-Metropolitan News
WOR-Checkerboard Jamboree
WQXR-Aunt Jenny's Stories
12:30-WNBC-Magill McNellis
WOR-News; So This Is Love
WJZ-News; Talk-Nancy Craig
WQXR-Helen Trent
12:45-WNBC-Show Tune
WQXR-Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride
WOR-Better Half Matinee
WJZ-H. R. Baukhage, News
WQXR-Big Sister-Sketch
• WQXR-News; Midday Symphony
1:15-WJZ-Powers Charm School
WQXR-Ma Perkins-Sketch
1:30-WOR-Listen Here, Ladies
WQXR-Young Dr. Malone-Sketch
WJZ-Galen Drake-Talk
1:45-WNBC-Robert McCormick, News
WOR-The Answer Man
WQXR-The Road of Life-Sketch
2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch
WOR-Daily Dilemmas
WJZ-Kierman's Corner
WQXR-Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR-News; Program Favorites
2:15-WNBC-Woman in White-Sketch
WJZ-The Woman's Exchange
WQXR-Perry Mason-Sketch
2:30-WNBC-Masquerade-Sketch
WOR-Queen for a Day
WJZ-Bride and Groom
WQXR-Lone Journey-Sketch
WQXR-Curtain at 2:30
2:40-WNBC-Betty Crocker-Talk
2:45-WNBC-Light of the World-Sketch
WQXR-Rose of My Dreams
WQXR-Music Memory Game
3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful
WOR-Martha Deane Show
WQXR-Ladies, Be Seated
WQXR-Bouquet for You
WQXR-News; Recent Releases
3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins
3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young
WOR-Rambling With Gambling
WJZ-Pat Barnes-Talk
WQXR-Winner Take All
3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness
WJZ-Hollywood Town
4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife Sketch
WOR-Ask Dr. Eddy
WJZ-Tommy Bartlett Show
WQXR-House Party; News Reports
WQXR-News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas-Sketch
4:30-WNBC-Logan Jones-Sketch
WOR-Uncle Don
WJZ-Cliff Edwards, Songs
WQXR-Hollywood Jackpot
4:45-WNBC-Young Wilder Brown
WOR-Buck Rogers-Sketch
WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch
5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries
WOR-Hop Harrigan-Sketch
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
• WOR-Superman
WJZ-Sky King-Sketch
WQXR-Latin-American Rhythms
5:15-WNBC-Portia Fazio Life
5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill
WJZ-Jack Armstrong
WOR-Captain Midnight
WQXR-Treasure Bandstand
WQXR-Cocktail Time
5:45-WNBC-Front-Page Farrell
WOR-Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ-Tennessee Jed-Sketch

EVENING

6:00-WNBC-News Reports
WOR-George C. Putnam, News
WJZ-News; Sports-Joe Hazel
WQXR-News; Eric Sevareid
WQXR-News; Music to Remember
6:15-WNBC-Serenade to America
WOR-On the Century, Interviews
WJZ-Ethel and Albert
WQXR-In My Opinion
6:30-WOR-News-Fred Vandeventer
WJZ-Allen Prescott
WQXR-Sports-Red Barber
WQXR-Dinner Concert
6:40-WNBC-Bill Stern, Sports
6:45-WNBC-Levill Thomas
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax
WJZ-Ed and Pegen Fitzgerald
WQXR-Robert Trout, News
7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Variety
WOR-Fulton Lewis Jr., Comment
WJZ-Headline Edition
• WQXR-Mystery of the Week
WQXR-News; Treasury of Music
7:15-WNBC-News of the World
WOR-The Answer Man
WJZ-Elmer Davis, News
WQXR-Jack Smith Show
7:30-WNBC-Barry Wood Show
• WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh
WOR-Henry J. Taylor Comment
• WJZ-Lone Ranger
WQXR-Bob Hawk's Show
WQXR-School of the Air
WQXR-News; Today in Music
7:45-WNBC-H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt
8:00-WOR-McGarry and His Music
• WNBC-Cavalcade of America
WJZ-Lum 'n' Abner
• WQXR-Inner Sanctum Show
WQXR-News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ-Skip Farrell Show
8:30-WNBC-Christopher Lynch-Tenor
• WOR-Case Book of Gregory Holmes
• WJZ-Adventures of Sherlock Holmes,
with Tom Conway and Nigel Bruce
• WQXR-Joan Davis Show
8:45-WMCA-Bert Andrews, Comment
8:55-WNBC-Bill Henry, News
9:00-WJZ-Beulah Show
WOR-Fishing and Hunting Club
WQXR-Radio Theatre
WOR-Gabriel Heatter
WQXR-News; Concert Hall
9:15-WOR-Real Stories
9:30-WOR-Lombardo's Orchestra
• WNBC-Borge-Goodman Show
WJZ-Sammy Kaye Show
WQXR-Designs in Harmony
9:45-WQXR-Great Names
10:00-WNBC-Buddy Clark, Baritone;
10:15-WJZ-To Be Announced
Percy Faith Orchestra
WJZ-The Doctors Talk It Over
WQXR-Screen Guild Play

11:35-WOR-Cleveland Symphony
12:00-WNBC, WJZ-News; Music
WQXR-News; Dance Music
WQXR-News Reports

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2:00-Official U. S. Weather Report
2:05-Symphonic Matinee, "Symphony
No. 2 in C Minor," by Tchaikovsky
3:35-News Summary
5:00-Music for Young People, Metro-
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5:45-Museum of the City of New
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5:55-News Summary
6:00-Folk singer, Frieda Dova, "Des

Gardner's" by Johnny Lyles
6:15-Freedom's Ladder with Clifford
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6:30-Welfare Stories with Sylvia Day.
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6:45-Official U.S. Weather Report and
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the Air"
6:55-News Summary
7:00-Masterwork Hour, Felix Wein-
gartner, Conducts, "Symphony
No. 5 in C Minor" by Beethoven
7:55-News Summary
8:00-Oscar Brand and Company-Folk-
songs
8:15-"Be Kind to Animal Week"
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8:30-"Readers Almanac"-Negro

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9:00-Municipal Concert Hall, Mozart
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9:15-Health Insurance Plan-Depart-
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On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

AT LEAST SOME of the college coaches are looking forward to the passing on of the vets and the return of the pink cheeked youngsters from out of high school who say "Yes, sir."

Not only do many of the veteran athletes of 24 and up clap the coach disrespectfully on the back and call him by his first name, but they remain cheerfully immune to the old style emotion appeal to die for dear old Wheresis. The guys who sat on C Ration boxes and snorted scornfully at Hollywood's idea of patriotism and the guys who almost died against the dear old Nazis baffle the coach who can't adapt himself to grown men.

This is an authentic story about the Wisconsin University basketball team that played in the NCAA tourney here. The team was eliminated in an upset by CCNY on Thursday night. With first place impossible, the almost 100 percent veteran outfit became remarkably and understandably uninterested in the Saturday night consolation game with Navy, preliminary to the Holy Cross-CCNY tilt.

Now in ordinary times the coach would undoubtedly have been able to fire the boys up to the importance of finishing third instead of fourth in the Eastern half of the tourney. It's possible when sports has comprised so great a part of life's drama and horizon as it did to the typical young prewar college athlete. With the veterans of Munda and Normandy it was time wasted. They saw New York and the coach saw so little of them from Thursday night through Saturday night that he was actually worried about having five of them show up to start the game.

They did show up of course, and the coach made a last minute dressing room plea for them to do their best. He conceded that it didn't seem too important, he forgave them their un-Wisconsin wanderings from training hours, and he reminded them that after all, this was a National Tourney game and what they did affected the prestige of the school. Reasonable enough. Then he went into detailed strategy and tactics for the game and wound up hopefully with "Any questions?"

Glenn Selbo, whose casual looking one hander from almost half the floor was to beat the earnest young men from Annaolis in the last two seconds of the game, and a fighter pilot who had seen more German flak than even the great Errol Flynn, said:

"Yeah, where do we go after the game?"

A Question

ALSO ON THE question of athletes and veterans, a reader wants to know "... in speaking of Furillo and Whitman being against Jackie Robinson, and looking up their service records, aren't you possibly romanticizing a bit on the question of veterans being more opposed to discrimination than they were before the war?"

A fair question. The answer is I don't believe I was romanticizing. First let it be said this does not mean anything silly like underwriting the improved democracy of everyone who was in the service. Nor do I necessarily include the horde of rear echelon and stateside officers whose worst tendencies thrived on their enthroned caste positions.

But I do definitely believe that most GI's can report seeing the average fellow, mixing for years with all kinds of Americans, gaining a greater respect for those different than himself. Nothing too dramatic, but a clear trend. When one unreconstructed rebel in my outfit said, "You gotta hand it to those colored engineers—" that may not sound important but if you lived with the guy you knew it was.

Practically every progressive in the Army over a period of time was surprised in the course of talks by the ordinary GI's ready response to honesty and reason—the very same comic-book reading, unpatriotic GI's who so dismayed some of the ivory tower liberals for a while.

But this may all sound vague and still subject to question as "romanticizing." Maybe the best answer to our reader is in the

postwar events on many veteran packed college campuses. Last year a lot of college football teams (almost exclusively composed of veterans) said "No" to the old traditional request from Southern schools to leave Negro players home when coming to Dixie. Nevada players and students forced a cancellation of the big game with Mississippi State, Penn State followed suit, telling Miami off, Duquesne's basketball veterans refused to play Tennessee without their Negro member, and so it went down the line.

There's the trend lasting well past the boat ride home and that's what we were talking about.

By the way, the veteran coach and players of Rollins U. in Florida were so ashamed of the Jim-crow regulations forcing Kent of Ohio to cancel a scheduled game down there that they wrote back saying it wasn't their fault and could they please have a game up in Ohio instead to prove that they didn't feel that way. . . .

TICKET SALE FOR PALESTINE BOOTERS BREAKS RECORD

Soccer history is being written by the famed Hapoel team of Palestine, which arrives here tomorrow for a good-will tour of the nation. The opening game will be held at the Yankee Stadium May 4 against a select American Soccer League combination.

Advance sales have passed the 48,000 mark set by the Hakoah team of Vienna at the Polo Grounds in 1926.

CLINT STARTS CLOUTING



CLINT HARTUNG, Giants' touted rookie outfield phenom, has been somewhat less than that in action, but Mel Ott stuck with him and he is beginning to belt the ball. Saturday he belted two home runs off Cleveland pitching, one of them on an outside knuckle ball by Roger Wolff, a serve which he blasted over the right center field wall.

Plenty of Glory For Beaten AYD

FUR 5'S EXPERIENCE DID IT

It sounded for all the world like Madison Square Garden and "Cmmonnn City!" as the spirited chant of "Cmmonnn AYD!" shivered the smoky air of the Central Needle Trades High School Saturday night. (Could it have been some of the same young men in both places?)

But the cheers and the fine efforts of the AYD Cinderella team weren't quite enough to offset the smooth savvy of the Furriers Joint Board, so the latter wound up a sensational unbeaten season by winning the Labor Sports Federation playoff title and the big, handsome CIO trophy.

In the opener before a large and enthusiastic crowd, Fur Floor 125 made it an all-fur night by beating Emerson UE to take home the third place trophy.

It looked for a long while as if AYD's fighting youngsters, sparked by the brilliant floorwork and ball-hawking of Bob Tweet, were going to upset the mighty Wonder Team of labor sports. They took an early lead, led by 4 at the half and widened it to 13 midway through the second half. In this drive the hustling of Sala was outstanding, as was the set shooting of Schmales and the pivot work of Feinstein. The AYD victory chant was in the air. It was Utah and Kentucky all over again.

But as AYD's drive slackened the Furriers picked up their pace. With big all-league Eddie Stewart and his tall mate dominating the boards, the Crichtow boys began pouring in the points on a series of amazing short banked shots and the AYD lead melted fast.

When the Furriers broke ahead for the first time and piled it on, AYD, pressing for the ball and throwing wildly upcourt whenever it got it, had its passes calmly intercepted by one of the Weisses and fed downcourt to the speedy Chrich-

Those Unsettled Dodgers Are On Their Way Home

PLAY MONTREAL HERE WEDNESDAY

This is the week!

In just two more days the flag goes up over Brooklyn's tradition-filled Ebbets Field and the season's first ball game will be played.

It will just be an exhibition between the Dodgers and their Montreal farmhands, but there are lots of interesting angles. First and foremost, of course, is the appearance of Jackie Robinson at first base with Montreal showing the stuff expected to land him the regular initial sack assignment with the big team.

Plus the appearance of the new Pete Reiser, shoulder mended and once again the great young outfielder headed for the season's heights . . . veteran Arky Vaughan

assaying a comeback at third base, last year's rookie Bruce Edwards, now an established star behind the plate, and a host of young, promising pitchers.

(Robinson's slightly sprained back, incurred in Saturday's game at Havana, was O.K. yesterday and his stomach ailment is gone.)

Montreal will be played twice, then on Friday the DiMaggioless Yankees come in for the usual week-end series and next Tuesday the curtain goes up on the 1947 pennant race.

Manager Leo Durocher has announced that there are plenty of doubtful spots on the team despite the advanced stage of training. He names Stanky, Reese, Vaughan, Reiser and Edwards as sure starters, leaving open the question of first base and two outfield posts generally understood to have been the property of Dixie Walker and Carl Furillo.

Dixie hasn't looked good on his 36-year-old legs to date, but he never showed much until the bell rang and will doubtless be out there with Gene Hermanski back on the bench. Furillo has been reported in disfavor with Durocher.

Knicks Hang On

... Or didn't you know they were still playing basketball?

The Knickerbockers beat the Cleveland Rebels 86-74 at the Garden Saturday night to necessitate a Wednesday night playoff for the third prize money at the 69th Regiment Armory. Half the Garden was empty as the teams battled for a conclusion to the too-long season. Stan Stutz, ex-Rhody whiz, had his big night with 30 points, 14 of them on fouls.

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Baroudi At St. Nicks

Two of the country's foremost middleweights clash at the St. Nicholas Arena tonight when Bert Lytell, Fresno, Calif., southpaw, faces Sam Baroudi, of Akron, Ohio. Their 10-round bout headlines the first of two St. Nick boxing shows this week. On Friday night Billy Fox, Philadelphia light-heavyweight, tangles with George Kochan, of New York, in another 10.

Beaten only once in his last 34 fights, Baroudi has risen high in 160-pound ranks. A two-fisted puncher, the Ohio middleweight has done most of his boxing in rings outside New York City, but he is now prepared to demonstrate to Gotham ring enthusiasts that he belongs among the top contenders.

But Lytell represents by far the most formidable opponent Baroudi has encountered since he abandoned a highly successful amateur career to turn professional. Lytell has long ranked close to the top among middleweights and he enhanced his prestige immensely a few months ago by outpointing the highly-touted Charley Burley in Baltimore.

Movies

'Cage of Nightingales'

French has a special clear beauty when children speak it. The kids who are the stars of this prewar French reform school film have the loveliest boys' voices I have ever heard and their singing is beauty added to beauty; it has a lyrical quality unusual in boys' choirs, no clerical unctious (although the singers are members of "Les Petites Chanteuses a la Croix de Bois"—the Little Singers of the Wooden Cross); it has musicianly discipline and yet altogether childlike casualness.

The boys can act as well as sing; the two in the role of ring-leaders in the school play with naturalness and understanding, sensitively but with no Hollywood cuteness.

If the makers of the Cage of Nightingales had stuck to their central theme—young boys crushed and brutalized by ill-treatment gradually brought to life by kind, intelligent treatment on the part of a teacher new to the setup, and

A Cage of Nightingales (La Cage aux Rossignols), screen play by Noel-Noel and Rene Wheeler from a story by M. Wheeler and Georges Chaperot; directed by Jean Dreville. A Gaumont (Paris) production released in U.S.A. by Lopert Films Inc. At the Fifth Avenue and Fifty-fifth Street Playhouses. Sub-titles in English.

especially by the training in co-operative and creative work they get in the chorus the teacher establishes, bucking the beastly school director—the result might have been a top film along the lines of *Maternelle*, without the borkum of *Going My Way*. An authentic one too, if prewar French reform schools were anything like some in this country, notably the one in California, subject of recurrent scandals in the past couple of years, featuring flogging, solitary confinement in dark cells, degenerate officials, just like in the picture.

NOEL-NOEL MISCAST

But by some miracle of miscasting the film was picked as a vehicle to display the talents of comedian Noel-Noel, described in the publicity blurb as "a shining light in that raffish company that includes such well-known music hall comedians as Chevalier, Fernandel," and so on. Obviously not the type to play the good crusading young teacher. And to add to the confusion, is the love-



Maxine Sullivan (above), Lead Belly, Frank Warner, Texas Gladden, and other folk singers will be starred in a ballad festival at Town Hall, Saturday evening, April 12, at 11:30 p.m. Entitled "Ballads At Midnight," the concert is the last of this season's Midnight Specials being presented by People's Songs, Inc., under the supervision of Alan Lomax.

story that runs through the picture, Noel-Noel is not man-about-town but a naive and irritatingly coy sort of he-ingenuer.

All hands (except the kids) seem to be thoroughly aware of the contradictions and uncertain and uncomfortable in their acting. To allow Noel-Noel some opportunity to be a comedian in the film, the story of the boys' school is presented as a story within a story. The hero writes a book based on his experiences before the director fires him, his girl reads it aloud to her mother and the flashbacks begin. Before the flashbacks, Noel-Noel, as a young man in Paris out of a job after he has been fired, gets in considerable not unpleasant clowning. In the attempts to pull everything together the long arm of coincidence is worked overtime adding to the general confusion caused by the constant shift in mood and line of direction.

—A. S.

Other Critics On 'Nightingales'

B. C. Times: Despite its interesting idea and a few poignant and lyrical scenes, the film is not an exceptional picture . . . most of the choral singing has genuine quality.

C. A. PM: Generates the kind of sentiment and partisanship for the little victims of Society's indifference, that comes from reading Dickens. For a modest little movie whose heart is better than its techniques—that's good going.

A. W. Post: A touching plea for musical therapy and more sympathy in reform schools. . . . The kind of picture that can stir emotions among easy bleeders and leave the rest of us a little warmer.

A. C. Telegram: Very ingratiating entertainment. Noel-Noel . . . is superb as he carries out his own work, the role of the gentle and patient young pedagogue. He even manages to dominate the scenes in which he works with a whole collection of youngsters with remarkably vivid gifts.

'Eternal Mask' at Carnegie Hall Thurs.

The Swiss psychological thriller *The Eternal Mask* will be shown at the Carnegie Chamber Music Hall, 57th St. & 7th Ave. this Thursday, April 10 at 8:30. A group of outstanding shorts will also be unreeled.

Book Review

Some Strange Facts About Deane's 'Strange Alliance'

By Samuel Sillen

John R. Deane's *The Strange Alliance*, reviewed in this column a few weeks ago, has been getting a big build-up in the press, on the radio, and through the Book-of-the-Month Club.

The book is played up as an authentic and more or less official picture of what goes on "behind the iron curtain" since its author was a head of the U. S. Military Mission in Moscow during the war. Major General Deane's official position makes the book appear a genuine "Now It Can Be Told" document.



Especially recommended by Norman Thomas on a recent "Author Meets the Critics" radio program was Deane's chapter on "Repatriation of Prisoners of War." Thomas cited this chapter as proof that it is impossible for Americans to get along with the Russians.

But the radio audience, unfortunately, will never be told that this chapter has been exposed as a myth by the American Army medical officer whose "difficulties" with the Russians it was supposed to reveal.

That officer is Dr. Ernest M. Gruenberg, an Army Captain during the war and at present working in psychiatry at a large New York hospital.

Dr. Gruenberg disputes Deane's "errors" of fact in a lengthy and enlightening letter in this week's *New Republic*.

Gruenberg was one of a group of three officers who had been captured by the Germans and met each other in the German prison camp in Oflag 64, Szubin, Poland. During the great Red Army offensive in January, 1945, Oflag 64 was hastily evacuated. Gruenberg and two friends managed to detach themselves from the evacuation column. Their subsequent hitchhike to Moscow was widely

reported in the American press at the time.

When Gruenberg and the other officers reached Moscow, they described their experiences at a press conference at which General Deane presided. What they said is reported in Deane's book in such a way as to give the impression that the escaped Americans were contemptibly treated by the Red Army.

Deane reports: "The officers said that the Red Army was indifferent to them."

Dr. Gruenberg writes: "On Feb. 19, General Deane presided at a press conference in which we said that we had traveled on Red Army vehicles moving rearward, spending some nights with Red Army units and some with Polish civilians. We also said that we were refused food and lodging by individual Poles, for which we never blamed them, but were never turned down by Red Army units or by town commandants when we asked for quarters and rations."

Deane asserts: "Apparently the Red Army took no responsibility for caring for liberated Americans and no other Russian agency was interested. Gruenberg reported that American prisoners were being concentrated at Wegheim, Rembertow and Brest-Litovsk."

Gruenberg answers: "The real problem we had in making our trip to Moscow was evading the Red Army's hospitality. . . . On two occasions we left Red Army soldiers who were detailed to care for our needs, in spite of their strenuous efforts to persuade us to stay; we were never held forcibly anywhere."

And he adds significantly: "At Brest-Litovsk the three of us were sent from the official frontier post, where we crossed the border into the Soviet Union, to a house which held a group of American officers we had known previously at Oflag 64. Their senior was an American Lieutenant-Colonel, a West Pointer. He was in contact with the Red Army town commandant. The Lieutenant Colonel told us that the commandant had asked him to order us to stay put and not to leave the city. But he said that in his opinion we had just got out of a German prison camp to land in a Russian prison."

"He said that if any of us could 'escape' (his word) and go to Moscow and inform our Embassy of the situation, we should do so. We did not agree that we were being held prisoners, but we took his instructions about going to Moscow seriously."

These and other examples cited by Dr. Gruenberg point up the

hostility and the twisting of facts in Deane's semi-official book.

Far from sharing Deane's version, Dr. Gruenberg expresses "my sense of obligation to the gallant, friendly and hospitable men and officers of the Red Army." He denies the "police state" and "iron curtain" interpretation of the experiences. And he notes that one of his fellow hitch-hiking officers, Lieutenant John N. Dimling of Winston-Salem North Carolina, confirms his corrections of Deane's charges against the Red Army.

Will Deane acknowledge these corrections—or his publishers, or the Book-of-the-Month Club, or Norman Thomas? Their professed concern for a soundly informed public opinion will not go that far, I suspect.

This "official," "inside story" flavoring of Deane's book reminds one of the forthcoming Book-of-the-Month Club selection, John Fischer's *Why They Behave Like Russians* (originally titled *The Sacred Men of the Kremlin*). The Book Club will try to cash in on the fact that Fischer was a member of the UNRRA Mission to the Ukraine in the spring of 1946.

They will not boast about the fact that Marshall MacDuffie, who headed that mission, as well as Paul White, present head of the mission, have both testified that Fischer is dreaming things up in a book calculated to snap American-Soviet relations.



David Freeman's book was last seen in Elmer Rice's *Dream Girl* will be dramatic director at Camp Unity this coming season. He is currently teaching at the Neighborhood Playhouse and in the new Stage for Action Dramatic School.

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'REBEL' LABORITES HEAR 50% OF PARTY

Foreign policy rebels in the Labor Party last month claimed support of 40 to 50 percent of the Party's rank and file in their demand that the British government break the "united Anglo-American front against Russia."

The laborites based their claim in part on the disclosure that delegates representing nearly half of the Cooperative Party, which

generally reflects the opinion of the non-trade union wing of the Labor Party, voted at their annual conference at Llandudno, Wales, yesterday against Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's policies.

The Cooperative Party conference, which continues at Llandudno today, narrowly defeated an anti-Bevin resolution yesterday.

The resolution said "present policy is placing the people of Britain in extreme dependence on

the United States and can only perpetuate friction between Britain and America, on the one hand, and the Soviet Union on the other resulting in a possible drift to war and economic chaos."

Delegates adopted, over the the chairman's protests, a resolution condemning the government for failing to remove Ambassadors and Ministers who were unsympathetic with the aims of Socialist Britain.

Japan Premier, Ex-Hitler Pal, Declares 'War' on Communists

Premier Shigeru Yoshida of Japan yesterday declared war on Communists calling them "fascist and totalitarian," as unofficial reports indicated Japan's right wing parties would win the first national election. Election rules established by Gen. MacArthur insured a

Yoshida was Munitions Minister in the wartime Koiso Cabinet. Closely tied with the Zaibatsu trusts, he opposed the liquidation of the Mitsui and Mitsubishi monopolies which were the major force behind Japanese aggression against the United States.

He was Minister for Foreign Affairs in the cabinet of Gen. Tanaka, architect of the Japanese world conquest plan in the late Twenties. Tanaka wrote the famous document which served as the Japanese "Mein Kampf" in all its aggressions.

VETERAN IMPERIALIST

As Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs in the early thirties he proposed taking over Manchuria and Mongolia to counter "the Communist menace from the north."

One of Hitler's far eastern honorary "aryan" brothers, Yoshida has supported Japanese imperialism and aggression for the last twenty years. He has been favored by Gen. MacArthur in building the "new" Japan.

Although the official tally of the votes cast throughout Japan Saturday is not expected until today, observers reported today that conservative candidates will probably win all but one, or at the most three, of the governorships of the country's 46 prefectures.

In this election, the first of four to be held in Japan during April, the Japanese people elected 10,583 local government officials.

Yoshida, president of the "Liberal" Party which now governs

Japan, characterized the Communists as "fascists and totalitarians." Japanese newspapers expressed disappointment at the lack of pub-

lic interest in the election. Kyodo News Agency reported that about 65 percent of the eligible voters cast their ballots.

Report Molotov Charges U.S. Reneges on China

MOSCOW, April 6 (UP).—Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov in a written communication to Secretary of State George C. Marshall has accused the U.S. of failing to withdraw its forces from China in accordance with agreements. Big Four foreign ministerial circles said today.

Contents of the memorandum were not officially disclosed and this report was not confirmed. But informants said Molotov charged the U. S. failed to get its troops out in conformity with the American-British-Russian Moscow agreement of 1945.

It was not known whether the communication made any reference directly to Marshall's statement that he was uninformed regarding the 700,000 Japanese prisoners in Russian-occupied Manchuria.

Molotov suggested at the first Big Four session March 10, that the Chinese question be put on the program. Marshall and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin refused and it was finally decided to exchange information by memorandum before April 1.

Marshall circulated his own memorandum to Molotov, Bevin and the Chinese embassy March 31, announcing that the U. S. proposed to maintain 6,180 men in China after June 1.

Marshall and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault drove through a swirling snowstorm this morning to attend Easter services in the American Catholic Church of St. Louis of the French. Bevin, on advice of the physician who accompanied him here, spent most of the day in bed resting.

START FIFTH WEEK

Marshall after going to church attended the ballet this afternoon. He, American Ambassador Gen. Walter Bedell Smith and Mrs. Smith saw the famed ballerina Semyonova in the Swan Lake. It was his second straight Sunday at the ballet. Tonight Marshall attended a cocktail party given by the embassy military attaches in honor of Army Week.

Russian Orthodox churches were filled for "Willow Sunday" services, corresponding to the western Palm Sunday. The Orthodox Easter is next Sunday.

The Foreign Ministers start the fifth week of their conference tomorrow, considering a co-ordinating committee report on the kind of government Germany should have pending a constitution and a permanent central regime.

Phone Workers All Set to Act

New York telephone workers last night finished preparations to throw 8,000 pickets around 100 New York phone stations and scores across the Hudson.

Shop stewards left the busy strike headquarters at 318 W. Broadway without waiting for word of last-minute negotiations. They headed home to catch some sleep before the 6 o'clock deadline.

Largest picketline scheduled for this morning would be that at 32 Avenue of the Americas, where 600 long line workers and others will come off shift at 6.

Paraguayan Revolt Near's Capital

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, April 6 (UP).—The Paraguayan revolt spread from north to south and threatened to encircle and isolate Asuncion, the nation's capital, today as the garrison at Villa Alberdi announced it would side with the insurgents.

Senior Lieut. Raul Pereyra, Aguinaga, commander at Villa Alberdi, 60 miles south of Asuncion on the Paraguay River, called on the navy—a small river fleet—to join the revolution and oust "the dictator-usurper" President and Gen. Higinio Morinigo.

SENATE OIL PROBES WILL FLY TO ARABIA

WASHINGTON, April 6. — Two, and possibly three members of the Senate War Investigating committee may fly to Saudi Arabia for an on-the-spot investigation of charges that the Navy paid \$33,460,000 more than necessary for Middle East oil. The charge was made before the committee recently by oil man James A. Moffett. He said the Navy paid \$59,879,000 in 1945 for Saudi Arabian oil which it could have purchased in 1941 for \$26,419,000.

The inquiry, headed by Burton K.



by BARNARD RUBIN

J. EDGAR HOOVER is pulling all of his FBI boys out of anti-Semitic and fascist organizations. Other investigators attached to the Bureau, who specialize in that type of work, are being dropped. . . .

TOWN TALK

Coals to Newcastle: Arthur Murray is opening a rhumba studio in Havana, Cuba. . . .

Marian Anderson's Easter Sunday concert at the Metropolitan Opera House had a complete mail order sell-out. It was her second Easter concert since 1939 and the last time she'll appear in New York this season. She's due for a tour of the West Indies and also for an appearance April 28 in Havana. . . .

Jean Parker planning a project which may result in her leaving Burlesque. . . .

The Oklahoma! company going to England riled about the fact that the Theatre Guild has not done anything about their travel reservations. Each member of the cast will have to get there on his own. . . .

Adolph Green and Betty Comden working on a new musical. . . .

Eugene Ormandy, conductor of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, has been signed by RKO to conduct the New York Philharmonic. They'll play Leith Stevens' Piano Concerto in C Minor at New York's Carnegie Hall, for a sequence in the film Counterpoint. Artur Schnabel at the piano. . . .

George Kelly has promised producer Gant Gaiter his new script. It looks now like All My Sons and Finian's Rainbow will fight it out for the Pulitzer Prize. . . .

A group of veterans headed by Harold Friedman formed an organization called Play Investors, Inc., which, although it got off to a poor start, is now beginning to clean up. They invest their money in plays and lately have begun to click with their investments in Joan of Lorraine, Another Part of the Forest, and Finian's Rainbow. . . .

Woody Guthrie has written two new songs titled Talking Miner and Dying Miner based on the letters of the dead Centralia miners. . . .

When Pierre Monteux and his San Francisco Symphony Orchestra opens in Carnegie Hall April 11, it will be the first time that a western orchestra has played in New York. . . .

Tennis star baritone Phil Hanna is wanted to do a television series on tennis instruction for a large sporting goods outfit. . . .

Actors Lab (in Hollywood) will teach film making in its new set-up. . . .

Cheryl Crawford had 31 full house benefits sold prior to her Brigadoon opening. . . .

Albert Einstein and the Federation of American Scientists supervised the Astor Motion Picture's short on the atom bomb titled One World Or None. It's an animated film with some live shots. . . .

Paul Bane, lead singer in the Experimental Theatre production, The Great Campaign, is doing a radio show One World In Song on WNYC 6 p.m. Saturdays. Songs of all nations with short dramatic scenes illustrating the one world idea. . . .

That hot film, Indonesia Calling, by Joris Ivens, one of the world's top movie makers, is now in this country. Ivens made it in Australia filming the Australian dock workers' thrilling struggles in solidarity with the Indonesian people's struggle for freedom. The workers refused to let through ships loaded with soldiers and arms to crush the Indonesian people's government.

Call Charlie Cooper at the International Workers Order about arrangements to see Indonesia Calling. . . .

NEWSPAPER TALK

George M. Hecht, president of Parents Institute magazines told the negotiating committee of the striking workers there that he would not abide by the National Labor Relations Board decision—as Congress was going to change things.

(Incidentally, that was a good idea of PM's, running a picture of a Parents Institute picket line Priscilla as the best dressed woman of the day.) . . .

Drama critic Brooks Atkinson is always quick to allege that it is impossible for Soviet writers to write anything worth while because they have to resort to distortions for political purposes.

In his review of Konstantine Simonov's play The Whole World Over for the New York Times, Atkinson writes of the colonel in the play: "After he marries the professor's daughter, it is devoutly to be hoped that his lost family does not turn up from some DP camp in Germany. The Whole World Over is a trifle hazy on that unromantic point, and bigamy also is frowned upon the whole world over."

Now if you ask all others who have seen the play, they will tell you that it was very clearly explained that the colonel's family had been killed by the Nazis.

I'm sure it's hard to believe that Atkinson deliberately misled his readers on this point in order delicately to allude that somehow or other the Soviet Union does not frown upon bigamy. A distortion in the writings of Mr. Atkinson because of political bias? Perish the thought! . . .

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Let's Go Slow, Sen. Byrd Tells US on Greek Aid

WASHINGTON, April 6. — Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va) proposed today that passage of President Truman's Greco-Turk aid bill be delayed pending a thorough study of the United States' resources and its chances of surviving a world-wide crusade against Communism.

In a statement warning against hurried handling of the \$400,000,000 program, he challenged the administration to open the books and reveal publicly how far this country can go safely.

He suggested that Truman appoint Bernard M. Baruch to conduct a detailed survey of the U. S.'s resources and obligations and make public "the answer to the No. 1 question: 'Where are we going and can we pay our way?'"

His statement followed by less than 24 hours Truman's Jefferson day dinner warning that the U. S. would intervene all over the world as it plans in Greece and Turkey.

